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SUBJECT: US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS

1. IN A WIDE RANGING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION HOSTED BY BELGIAN
NATO AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN
REITERATED US CONCERN ABOUT EC/ARAB COOPERATION WHICH WOULD
INVOLVE DEALING WITH ARAB COUNTRIES TOGETHER SINCE THIS
WOULD TEND TO POLARIZE DISCUSSION AND CREATE PRESSURES

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TOWARD MORE RADICAL ARAB VIEWS. AS EXAMPLE OF SUCH ARAB

PRESSURES, HARTMAN NOTED GERMAN LETTER TO ALGERIA WITH
REFERENCE TO JERUSALEM WHICH WENT BEYOND TERMS OF THE UN
RESOLUTION. DE STAERCKE RESPONDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO
INTERNAL EC COORDINATION OF THIS GERMAN ACTION.

2. HARTMAN STATED WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL DETENTE POLICY
THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONSULT WITH EUROPEANS ON PARTICULAR
ASPECTS SUCH AS ECSC IN ISOLATION. WHAT IS NEEDED IS AN
OVERALL STRATEGY RELATING SUCH ACTIVITIES AS SALT, MBFR,
AND ECSC. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT EUROPEANS ARE NOT
NOW IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT.

3. BELGIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT ACTIONS OF
DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE DEFENSE LEVELS, AND URGED
CONCERTED EFFORTS TO STEM THIS TENDENCY, PERHAPS INCLUDING
SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER.GREENWALD

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